

<b>Expand Electronic Filing</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 5801-02-11
		<b>Division:</b> Info. Tech. and Processing
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<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Revenue	
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**Program or Project Description:**

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Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund				
State Special				
Federal Funds				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008

**Legislative Goal(s):**

Expand Convenient and Cost-Saving Electronic Filing Services for Montana Taxpayers

Make it easier, more convenient and less costly for citizens and businesses to file and pay state taxes, increase efficiency of operations, and provide for a more timely and extensive flow of information to policy makers by expanding electronic filing and payment methods for all state taxes and fees other than property taxes. Specifically, 1) implement and expand free Internet filing opportunities; 2) implement the expanded fed/state e-file program for corporate and other business income tax returns; and 3) in selected areas, provide taxpayers with expanded electronic payment options and file transfer services.

**Legislative Performance Measures :**

Performance in this arena is measured by meeting the due dates (milestone dates) for roll out of the initiatives listed below.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	(A) Provide for free Internet filing of mineral royalty withholding annual reconciliation forms by end of calendar year 2008		31-Dec-07
2	(B) Provide for free Internet filing of employer withholding annual reconciliation forms by end of calendar year 2008		31-Dec-07
3	(C) Provide for free Internet filing of individual income tax Form 2M returns and Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit (2EC) returns (including electronic payment and direct deposit capabilities) by end of calendar year 2008		31-Jan-08
4	(D) Provide for free Internet filing of wine tax returns, and provide wine taxpayers with the ability to view their current account and previous tax return on the web		31-Jan-08
5	(E) Provide for electronic filing of corporation license tax returns under the fed/state modernized e-file program		5-May-08

(F) Provide for electronic filing of returns and other information for all other tax types by mid-year 2009 except for the cases where electronic filing is identified as not being cost effective, feasible or appropriate.

**Agency Performance Report:**

As noted above, milestones (A) and (B) were completed in December, 2007; milestones (C) and (D) were completed in January, 2008; and milestone (E) was completed in May, 2008.

In other areas, the department has signed a contract with our vendor - FAST Enterprises - to implement the next series of e-services contemplated for our Integrated Revenue Information System (IRIS).

As we move towards implementation of the fed-state modernized e-file program, the department has registered staff for, and begun attending, the required Tax Implementation Group for e-Commerce Requirements Standardization (TIGERS) meetings to facilitate the implementation process.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT - On Track

DATA RELEVANCE - Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS - No appropriation or expenditure information was provided

COMMENTS - None

OPTIONS - The project was reported as "On Track" at the June 2008 meeting but the working group wanted the department to report on the progress of Milestone F at the October 2008 meeting. Based on the information provided during the meeting the working group has the following options regarding status of the project:

- Downgrade the status to "Progress Report Needed"
- Keep the status as "On Track"

Even with the status designated as On Track, the working group can request that the agency provide a report at later working group meetings.



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Change Description
Copied agency provided status from OBPP form. LFD Narrative